

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MULTIPURPOSE LOCKING PLIERS

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority  
Claimed

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number)                      (Country)                      (Day/Month/Year Filed)                      ☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Application Serial No.)                      (Filing Date)


I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>09/816,622</u>	<u>March 23, 2001</u>	<u>Pending</u>
(Application Ser. No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)
		(patented, pending, abandoned)

<u>09/240,204</u>	<u>January 29, 1999</u>	<u>Patented</u>
(Application Ser. No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)
		(patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 8/14/03  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §3.73(b)

Applicant: Howard G. Berg  
Application No: Not yet Assigned  
Filed: August 18, 2003  
Title: MULTIPURPOSE LOCKING PLIERS  
Assignee: Leatherman Tool Group, Inc., an Oregon corporation (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 011672, Frame 0100, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

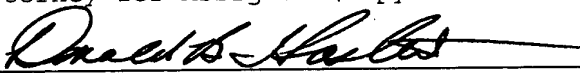
OR

- B. ☐ a chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.
- ☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached. (Where one or more of the documents is unrecorded.)

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this Statement on behalf of the assignee.

Date: August 18, 2003  
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PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Howard G. Berg, et al. Group Art Unit:

Serial No: Examiner:

Filed : (Concurrently herewith)

Title : MULTIPURPOSE LOCKING PLIERS

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Timothy S. Leatherman, declare that I am the President of Leatherman Tool Group, Inc., an Oregon corporation, and am authorized to execute this document on its behalf. Leatherman Tool Group, Inc. is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-referenced patent application and hereby appoints Jacob E. Vilhauer, Jr., Reg. No. 24,885, Charles D. McClung, Reg. No. 26,568, Dennis E. Stenzel, Reg. No. 28,763, Donald B. Haslett, Reg. No. 28,855, William O. Geny, Reg. No. 27,444, J. Peter Staples, Reg. No. 30,690, Nancy J. Moriarty, Reg. No. 40,733, Bruce W. DeKock, Reg. No. 40,585, Karen Fienberg Oster, Reg. No. 37,621, Kevin L. Russell, Reg. No. 38,292, Timothy E. Siegel, Reg. No. 37,442, and Timothy A. Long, Reg. No. 28,876, all of the firm of CHERNOFF, VILHAUER, MCCLUNG & STENZEL, 600 Benj. Franklin Plaza, One S.W. Columbia, Portland, Oregon 97258, telephone No. (503) 227-5631, its attorneys, jointly and individually, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 1/28/99

Timothy S. Leatherman  
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Company: Leatherman Tool Group, Inc.